

Upcoming Barbering Exam will be held at Headlines Barber College-4327 State Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66109. If you are a barber who has been unlicensed for over 3 years or you have your required academic hours but never tested please contact the board office to test and become legally licensed. **Test July 15, 2018**



## 2018 Spring Newsletter

### Kansas Board of Barbering Staff

**Your board members are:** Chairman John Bradford, and members Ms. Heather Earlington, Mr. Larry Ross, Ms. Vicki Rajewski and Mr. Troy Franklin.

**Your staff members are:** Administrator Lori Ferguson, Director of Licensing Sonia Sprouse and Inspector Jeri Bryant.

### Celebrating a Barber with huge heart and two Purple Hearts

Wayne Kozak is a person who exemplifies honor to country and passion for the barbering profession. Wayne Kozak joined the Marine Corps in 1948, at 16 years old. In 1950, the Korean War began and Wayne went to Korea as an 18 year old machine gunner. Wayne received two purple hearts during his time in the service. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1950, Wayne was shot by a North Korean in South Korea in front of the capitol in Seoul. He was sent to Japan to recover from his injury and was awarded his first purple heart on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1950. He returned to Korea after he recovered to continue his service. Later that year, Wayne was shot a second time in battle. He then was awarded his second purple heart on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1950.



Wayne's love of the barbering profession is evident when speaking to him about his favorite things about the work. Wayne shared that being a barber is awesome for a few reasons. First, Wayne describes barbering as a "no stress, no strain, easy job." He also called barbering "the perfect job for the un-ambitious lazy man who wants to have fun and be social." Wayne will be 87 in three weeks and though he no longer owns his shop, he plans to retain his license for the rest of his life!

### News from the Director Lori Fergusons Desk



7 Months into the job, so I'm sharing 7 things I'm loving about it!

1. Learning new things about state processes, budgeting and how a bill becomes a law
2. Meeting new people like small agency heads, state employees and Jayhawk Tower personnel
3. Getting to see so many of our barbers, the barber schools and school crews
4. Great staff to work with in Sonia and Jeri
5. Engaged and supportive Board Members and Board Chair
6. The passion and ultimately excitement about the non merger
7. Moving the Barbering industry forward through administrative clean up, statutes, and enhancing rules and safety

Looking forward to a bright future while working to improve Barbering as a whole.



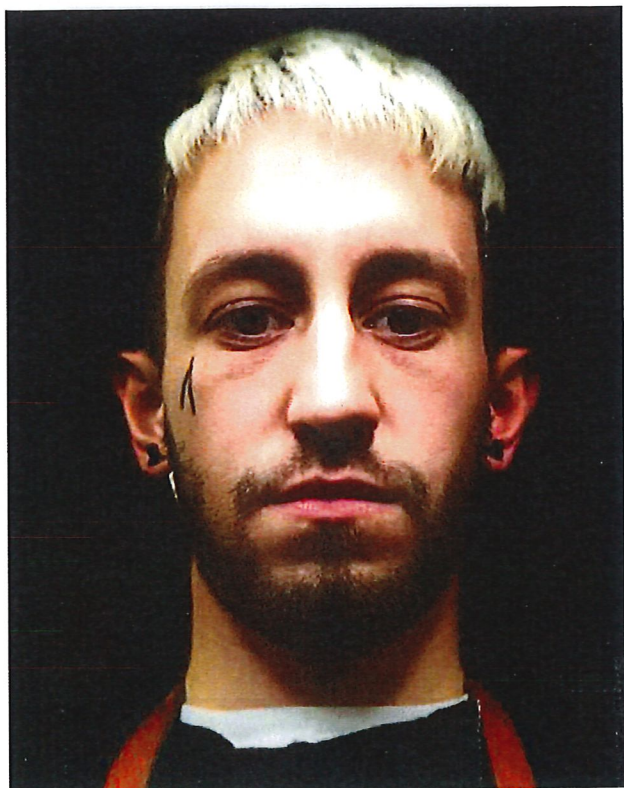
When Lori is not at the State Capital fighting for the barbers she can be found in the comfort of her ranch bottle feeding babies.



Why choose a barbershop??????? Well after you read about some of our amazing students and recent graduates it will be an easy choice for you. I have learned so much in my few years here at the Kansas Barber Board. First and foremost I have learned that the people who are in this profession and who choose to attend our schools are unique, amazing, special, creative, caring and have a ton of pride in their profession. I hope you enjoy reading about the following 4 students selected by the staff of their schools as the top of their class.

#### Nik Bohne-Old Town Barber College

Nik is a recent graduate of Old Town Barber College where his instructors and the school administration described him as the perfect student. Nik is 25 years old and decided he was interested in barbering at the age of 15. Nik finished barber school in 364 days and with an almost perfect GPA. His grandmother and mother are his biggest supporters and on his bucket list is a trip to Europe and to take in a pro soccer game. Nik enjoys playing music and creating tattoos. He fears being buried alive and is most thankful to Nelson Tovar and Prime Time Barbershop for taking a chance on him. Well it is pretty obvious to the Barbering Board that Prime Times decision to take on Nik was a pretty good business move. He is self motivated driven and an all around great guy. Congratulations to Nik on this selection by Old Town Barber College.



#### Colin Eaton-Paul Mitchell the School

Colin completed the program at Paul Mitchell with a 95.7% average for his academic and practical performance. He is the president of the Wichita Beard and Mustache Club. Colin attends the VA every month performing hair cuts for the veterans who live there and exchanging life stories with them. This is a very valuable service in the Wichita area. Colin has also planned hair cutting events at the Wichita Childrens Home. He works with the Gary Sinese Foundation which is an organization focused on giving back to our veterans, military personnel, and first responders. Colin states that he was drawn to barbering to perform the artistry of transforming ones appearance and to help people feel better about their overall appearance. Colin is a stellar example of the giving heart and compassionate soul shared by many of our barbers. Great work in the community Colin and congratulations.



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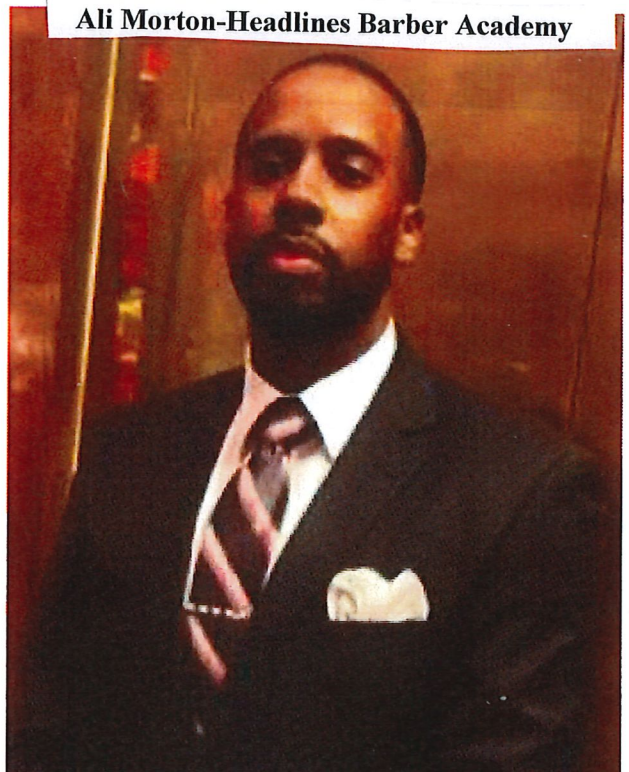
## Raymond Fox-Midwest Barber College

The day I met Raymond I was drawn to his energy and his humble outlook on his life. Ray willingly admits to not making the best decisions early in life and the effort it has taken for him to try to be a role model for young people and to become a better father himself. Raymond coaches youth basketball and mentors youth thru the YMCA. The little ones just follow him around and want nothing more than to please him. Raymond is a walking testament to the fact that we can heal from drugs and alcohol and when asked what he is the most thankful for his said "My Life". Raymonds grandfather was a barber therefore Ray knows the importance of putting the client first and the value of professionalism. I can share with you that if you ever have the opportunity to meet Ray just for one minute you will be smiling the rest of the day. Raymond you are changing a sometimes cruel world by your willingness to always give that hand up to someone in need. Congratulations on this recognition.



When I contacted the directors at Headlines about this newsletter section recognizing students George said we don't even have to discuss it. We nominate Ali Morton because he has a perfect GPA, perfect attendance and is always willing to help other students and sweep up the school if needed. I thought hummmmmmmmmmm is this student real? After reading his response to the interview questions it was obvious to me that not only is Ali Morton real, he is very special. Ali even as a child looked up to the barbering industry and was drawn to the profession. Although he decided to attend barber college at 19 he is now 33 and living out his dream. His favorite poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling eloquently illustrates his strengths. The one question on the interview survey that I enjoyed reading over and over with Ali's response was "What is the greatest day of your life", Ali said he was torn on how to answer the question between the day he met his wife and the day his daughter was born. He then went on to say that they both changed the trajectory of his life. I am a firm believer that everything we experience helps to form our character both good and bad. It sounds like both wife and daughter are lucky girls. Ali would love to be a pilot and enjoys watching trains. It was of interest to me that one of the people who have made contributions to Ali as a support system was his mother and his godmother. Both of them should be very proud of this nomination. Great work Mr. Morton you are certain to do well in your barbering profession. He is a military spouse so a special shout out to Mrs. Morton for her service to the United States (the best country on the planet).

## Ali Morton-Headlines Barber Academy





As we have been blessed with the greatest students and are so very proud of them all! Each and every one of our students have been nothing less than a gift to Legends Barber College. Thank you all for being a part of this amazing journey with us.

Adan Jaquez has been chosen as our Outstanding Student here at LBC. We were initially impressed with Adan's enthusiasm, communication skills and professional demeanor when he enrolled with Legends Barber College. Adan is reliable, dedicated and eternally upbeat. It is because of his excellence in this area that we could easily ask him to mentor new students at the school.

I regularly received unsolicited praise from clients commending Adan's outstanding level of service, professionalism and follow-through. Although I often ask how he is doing, I am never concerned that is he doing his job and/or work.

Adan is a hardworking, top-performing student at Legends Barber College. I have had occasion to meet, interview, and enroll many people through my business. Adan is exceptional. His giving and humble personality, we adore. From going above and beyond to give his fellow classmates rides to and from school to grabbing the broom and cleaning up others stations.

Adan started Barber College at the age of 43 with fears and doubts about being able to retain the information and subsequently having the ability to pass the tests. He sets himself to surpass all odds and purposed himself to focus and study relentlessly. He now holds the highest GPA with Legends Barber College. Adan sets to graduate June 2018

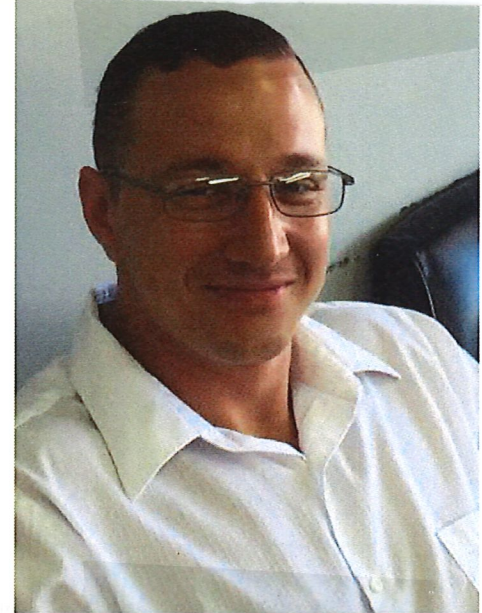
Tanada and Dominic Garcia

Legends Barber College-Adan Jaquez



Justin Frey is a graduate from Fort Leavenworth Vocational Barber College that was nominated to receive recognition as an outstanding graduate. Justin did not grow up knowing that he wanted to be a barber. Justin is a native of Leavenworth and is still living there today. Justin joined the Army within a year of graduating from high school. He served three and a half years. Justin says that barbering is not something he planned to do with his life but something that just happened. Circumstances in Justin's life lead him to meet Ms. Victoria Rajewski who is an instructor and a member of the Barbering Board. Justin says that Ms. Rajewski pulled him into barbering and he fell in love with it. Victoria was a huge reason why Justin decided to pursue a career in barbering, and in Justin's words gave him the encouragement to make something of his life.

Justin is currently managing Todd's Barber Shop in Leavenworth, Kansas. There are 3 barbers at his shop. Justin says that his family is a great influence and support in his life. His mother, grandmother, and sister all live nearby and he goes to them often for guidance. If given the chance to change one thing about the world today, Justin says that we would like to see less hate and more love in the world, and for our world leaders to get along better. Ten years from now, Justin said he would like to be managing a few shops of his own.



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